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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . October 18, the Senate Judiciary Committee reported a revised Government re-organization bill; the Senate passed a bill to provide for use of surplus property in soil conservation and forestry; October 19, the House passed a bill rescinding various appropriations including funds for lend-lease emergency food supplies for territories and possessions, WFA salaries and expenses, and the emergency rubber project; the House received from the President an appropriation estimate to continue the farm labor program for an additional year; October 24, the House passed a measure to permit Government alcohol plants to produce sugar and syrups; both Houses received the conference report on a bill to discontinue land-grant freight rates and to provide for settlement of veterans on reclamation projects.

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U. S. CIVILIANS TO GET NEARLY 100 MILLION POUNDS OF BUTTER. . . . Nearly 100 million pounds of butter will be released for the civilian trade shortly after November 1, under USDA's sales plan. This includes nearly 13 million pounds of butter from USDA and 7 million pounds from the War Shipping Administration, in addition to the 80 million pounds already released by the Army. Also effective November 1 is the removal of the five-cent per pound Government subsidy on butter and the advance of five cents in the ceiling price allowed creameries and wholesalers, announced by the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. Civilians will receive about 135 million pounds of butter monthly, compared with a pre-war average of 150 million pounds, and a monthly average this year of about 85 million pounds before the end of the war.

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TIME SCHEDULE FOR 1946 PRODUCTION GOALS. . . . The final time schedule for release of the 1946 production goals may be delayed somewhat in order that all possible factors affecting requirements for next year may be considered. Rapidly changing conditions brought about by the end of the war call for careful appraisal by the committees who are studying requirements for commodities on which goals have not been determined. Suggested goals have already been sent to the States on crops for which farmers must make plans this fall and winter. They are: wheat, rye, winter vegetables, winter cover crop seeds, winter flaxseed, dry peas, commercial early potatoes, and the spring pig crop. Farmers will need production information on other crops about the first of the year.

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POTATO GOALS. . . . A recommended goal of 308,500 acres for the 1946 crop of commercial early potatoes is ready for release to State production committees. This decrease from the 358,900 acres planted in 1945 is based on sharply reduced military requirements from the 1946 crop. In making this goal it was assumed that there will be no abnormal carry-over from the large 1945 crop and that national income will remain relatively high. Price supports for the entire 1946 potato crop will be announced when goals for other potatoes are ready.

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SPRING PIG GOALS AND SUPPORT PRICES. . . . A 1946 spring pig goal of 52 million head and an average support price for good to choice butcher hogs of \$12 per hundred lbs. (Chicago basis) were announced October 23 in press release 1974-45. The goals by States, not given in the press release are as follows, by 1,000 head:

Northeast States--Maine, 6; N. H., 2; Vt., 3; Mass., 14; R. I., 1; Conn., 3; N. Y., 25; N. J., 10; Pa., 65.

North Central States--Ohio, 365; Ind., 560; Ill., 835; Mich., 100; Wisc., 315; Minn., 685; Iowa, 1,897; Mo., 465; S. Dak., 355; Neb., 508.

East Central States--Dela., 3; Md., 25; Va., 75; W. Va., 18; N. C., 100; Ky., 130; Tenn., 130.

Southern States--S. C., 67; Ga., 165; Fla., 95; Ala., 110; Miss., 105; Ark., 115; La., 125; Okla., 106; Tex., 175.

Western States--N. Dak., 145; Kan., 210; Mont., 32; Idaho, 36; Wyo., 10; Colo., 42; N. Mex., 9; Ariz., 4; Utah, 11; Nev., 3; Wash., 25; Ore., 20; Calif., 55.

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USDA PRESS RELEASES OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Meat set-aside orders terminated --1952; Orders restricting use of grain elevation unloading facilities terminated (WFO 114 ODT No. 25-A) --1964; 1946 agricultural conservation program--1972; Secretary Anderson announces 1946 spring pig goal and support price level--1974; USDA returning nearly 100 million pounds of butter to U. S. civilians--1992; Recommended goal for planting commercial early potatoes--1993.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Government subsidy on butter removed; increased prices permitted--OPA-6006; Oil reclaimed from condemned butter to be sold point free--OPA-T-3850; Maximum prices established for "high fat" cream cheese--OPA-T-3826; Increased ceiling prices for snap beans--OPA-5999; Ceilings established for new household refrigerators at avg. March 1942 prices--OPA-6001.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS . . . . The Water Requirement of Alfalfa, Circ. No. 735, 11 p.; Vitamin A in Butter, Misc. Pub. No. 571, 14 p.; Breeding Better Vegetables for the South at the U. S. Regional Vegetable Breeding Laboratory, Misc. Pub. No. 578, 34 p.; Relation of Feed Consumed to Food Products Produced by Fattening Cattle, Tech. Bul. No. 900, 36 p.; Some Soil Properties Related to the Sodium Salt Problem in Irrigated Soils, Tech. Bul. No. 902, 28 p.

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COTTON MOVIES IN THE MAKING. . . . A "how-to-do-it" movie on cotton picking is being made. Pictures for it and the movie about the Cotton South mentioned last week were taken at the National Cotton Picking Contest at Blytheville, Arkansas, October 25.

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ANNUAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE. . . . Plans for the 23d Annual Outlook Conference the week of December 3 are in the making. More about them as soon as possible.

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FAO DEVELOPMENTS. . . . Six more nations have signed the FAO constitution. They are: Bolivia, Brazil, Columbia, Cuba, Ecuador, and Poland. The Committee on Agriculture is by far the largest of such groups set up at the Quebec Conference. It consists of 60 persons and is divided into the following panels:

(1) Rural Social Welfare, (2) Education, Extension and Exchange of Scientific Information, (3) Production Research and Techniques, (4) Soil Resources Development and Conservation, (5) Integration and Co-ordination of Agricultural Programs and Policies, (6) Credit Cooperatives and Related Matters, (7) Industrial Needs for Agriculture, (8) Special Needs for War Devastated Countries, and (9) Special Needs for Countries in Tropical and Sub-tropical Regions.

The two vice chairmen of the Committee on Agriculture are P. V. Cardon, Administrator of USDA's Agricultural Research Administration, and S. L. Louwes, Netherlands Director General of Food Supply.

All Committees are expected to submit reports to their respective commissions by October 29. The chief remaining work of the Conference will be selection of a Director General of FAO and an executive committee of from 9 to 15 members. Action taken at the Conference by members of FAO who are also a part of the International Institute of Agriculture will probably lead to dissolution of I.I.A. and transfer of its properties (in Rome) to FAO. Secretary Anderson returned to Washington from Quebec October 19 but is expected to attend the final days of the Conference.

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RADIO PROGRAMS NOVEMBER 3. . . . NAT'L FARM AND HOME HOUR, 1:00 p.m., EST (NEC) Ass't Secretary Chas. F. Brannan, will discuss 4-H Club achievements on the Department's portion of the program. . . .

CONSUMER TIME, 12:15 p.m., EST (NBC) forest conservation, fire fighting, the work of smoke jumpers and other phases of this subject will be dramatized. YOUR HOME AND GARDEN SHOW, 12:30 p.m., EST (ABC) will include a discussion of berry-bearing shrubs by the Moore-DuMars team and homemaker news by Ruth Van Deman.

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COTTON KITS. . . . Extension Service is preparing two kits of materials for use in its campaign to improve the quality of cotton. One will be used by county agents. A slightly different one will be used by other Extension Service representatives. The kits are being prepared with the 23d Annual Outlook Conference in mind but may not be ready for release until later.

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The 24th 4-H CLUB CONGRESS will be held December 2-6 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. Included on the agenda are group discussions, visits to the National History Museum, a dinner address by Secretary Anderson on the 3d, an annual dinner at which medals will be presented, and a general assembly summary panel by 4-H delegates.

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NEW CHIEF OF BAI. . . . Dr. Bennett T. Simms will assume his duties as chief of BAI November 19, succeeding Dr. A. W. Miller, who is retiring. Dr. Simms comes to Washington from Auburn, Alabama, where he was Chief of the Regional Research Laboratory of Animal Diseases.

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"ANTI-INFLATION" CAMPAIGN. . . . Some 2400 communities in the country are arranging to observe "anti-inflation week" at various times during the month of November. The idea originated recently with the Chamber of Commerce at Jackson, Tenn., as farm organizations and other citizens' groups cooperated in a "Victory Over Inflation Week." Panel discussions, special radio programs, talks at schools and colleges, newspaper publicity, mass meetings, display materials, parades, and such were used to emphasize the need for price control. OPA has requested the support of USDA people in helping to make this voluntary campaign of the people a success. You may refer interested groups to the Information Panel of local Price Control Boards for OPA assistance in their plans.

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CABBAGE COMES TO LUNCH AND DINNER loaded down with vitamins according to a piece of that title just off the press.

Different ways of bringing it to the table are contained in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pages of BHN&HE recipes. It is being distributed widely by PMA; copies can be obtained from the Office of Information.

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RADIO FARM DIRECTORS will hold their annual meeting December 2 and 3 at Chicago. THE FAT STOCK SHOW is also scheduled for the same date and place.

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